

## § 169.24

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### § 169.24 Railroads in Oklahoma.

(a) The Act of February 28, 1902 (32 Stat. 43), authorizes right-of-way grants across tribal and individually owned land in Oklahoma. Rights-of-way granted under that act shall be subject to the provisions of this section as well as other pertinent sections of this part 169. Except when otherwise determined by the Secretary, railroad rights-of-way in Oklahoma granted under the Act of February 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 17; 25 U.S.C. 323-328), shall also be subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) One copy on tracing linen of the map of definite location showing the line of route and all lands included within the right-of-way must be filed with the Secretary. When tribal lands are involved, a copy of the map must also be filed with the tribal council.

(c) Before any railroad may be constructed or any lands taken or condemned for any of the purposes set forth in section 13 of the Act of February 28, 1902 (32 Stat. 47), full damages shall be paid to the Indian owners.

(d) After the maps have been filed, the matter of damages shall be negotiated by the applicant directly with the Indian owners. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the amount to be paid as compensation and damages shall be fixed and determined as provided in the statute. If court proceedings are instituted, the facts shall be reported immediately as provided in § 169.21.

### § 169.25 Oil and gas pipelines.

(a) The Act of March 11, 1904 (33 Stat. 65), as amended by the Act of March 2, 1917 (39 Stat. 973; 25 U.S.C. 321), authorizes right-of-way grants for oil and gas pipelines across tribal, individually owned and Government-owned land. Rights-of-way granted under that act shall be subject to the provisions of this section as well as other pertinent sections of this part 169. Except when otherwise determined by the Secretary, rights-of-way granted for such purposes under the Act of February 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 17; 25 U.S.C. 323-328) shall also be subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) Rights-of-way, granted under aforesaid Act of March 11, 1904, as

amended, for oil and gas pipelines, pumping stations or tank sites shall not extend beyond a term of 20 years and may be extended for another period of not to exceed 20 years following the procedures set out in § 169.19 of this part.

(c) All oil or gas pipelines, including connecting lines, shall be buried a sufficient depth below the surface of the land so as not to interfere with cultivation. Whenever the line is laid under a road or highway, the right-of-way for which has been granted under an approved application pursuant to an act of Congress, its construction shall be in compliance with the applicable Federal and State laws; during the period of construction, at least one-half the width of the road shall be kept open to travel; and, upon completion, the road or highway shall be restored to its original condition and all excavations shall be refilled. Whenever the line crosses a ravine, canyon, or waterway, it shall be laid below the bed thereof or upon such superstructure as will not interfere with the use of the surface.

(d) The size of the proposed pipeline must be shown in the application, on the maps, and in the engineer's affidavit and applicant's certificate. The application and maps shall specify whether the pipe is welded, screw-joint, dresser, or other type of coupling. Should the grantee of an approved right-of-way desire at any time to lay additional line or lines of pipe in the same trench, or to replace the original line with larger or smaller pipe, written permission must first be obtained from the Secretary and all damages to be sustained by the owners must be paid in advance in the amount fixed and determined by the Secretary.

(e) Applicants for oil or gas pipeline rights-of-way may apply for additional land for pumping stations or tank sites. The maps shall show clearly the location of all structures and the location of all lines connecting with the main line. Applicants for lands for pumping stations or tank sites shall execute and file a stipulation agreeing as follows:

(1) Upon abandonment of the right-of-way to level all dikes, fire-guards, and excavations and to remove all concrete masonry foundations, bases, and

structural works and to restore the land as nearly as may be possible to its original condition.

(2) That a grant for pumping station or tank site purposes shall be subservient to the owner's right to remove or authorize the removal of oil, gas, or other mineral deposits; and that the structures for pumping station or tank site will be removed or relocated if necessary to avoid interference with the exploration for or recovery of oil, gas, or other minerals.

(f) Purely lateral lines connecting with oil or gas wells on restricted lands may be constructed upon filing with the Secretary a copy of the written consent of the Indian owners and a blueprint copy of a map showing the location of the lateral. Such lateral lines may be of any diameter or length, but must be limited to those used solely for the transportation of oil or gas from a single tract of tribal or individually owned land to another lateral or to a branch of the main line.

(g) The applicant, by accepting a pipeline right-of-way, thereby agrees that the books and records of the applicant shall be open to inspection by the Secretary at all reasonable times, in order to obtain information pertaining in any way to oil or gas produced from tribal or individually owned lands or other lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

**§ 169.26 Telephone and telegraph lines; radio, television, and other communications facilities.**

(a) The Act of February 15, 1901 (31 Stat. 790), as amended by the Act of March 4, 1940 (54 Stat. 41; 43 U.S.C. 959); the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253), as amended by the Act of May 27, 1952 (66 Stat. 95; 43 U.S.C. 961); and the Act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1083; 25 U.S.C. 319), authorize right-of-way grants across tribal, individually owned, and Government-owned land for telephone and telegraph lines and offices, for poles and lines for communication purposes, and for radio, television, and other forms of communication transmitting, relay, and receiving structures and facilities. Rights-of-way granted under these acts shall be subject to the provisions of this section as well as other pertinent sections of this

part 169. Except when otherwise determined by the Secretary, rights-of-way granted for such purposes under the Act of February 5, 1948 (62 Stat. 17; 25 U.S.C. 323-328), shall also be subject to the provisions of this section.

(b) A right-of-way granted under the said Act of March 4, 1911, as amended, shall be limited to a term not exceeding 50 years from the date of the issuance of such grant.

(c) No right-of-way shall be granted for a width in excess of 50 feet on each side of the centerline, unless special requirements are clearly set forth in the application which fully justify a width in excess of 50 feet on each side of the centerline.

(d) Applicants engaged in the general telephone and telegraph business may apply for additional land for office sites. The maps showing the location of proposed office sites shall be filed separately from those showing the line of route, and shall be drawn to a scale of 50 feet to an inch. Such maps shall show enough of the line of route to indicate the position of the tract with reference thereto. The tract shall be located with respect to the public survey as provided in § 169.8, and all buildings or other structures shall be platted on a scale sufficiently large to show clearly their dimensions and relative positions.

(e) Rights-of-way for poles and lines for communication purposes, and for radio, television, and other forms of communication transmitting, relay, and receiving structures and facilities, shall be limited to 200 feet on each side of the centerline of such lines and poles; radio and television, and other forms of communication transmitting, relay, and receiving structures and facilities shall be limited to an area not to exceed 400 feet by 400 feet.

**§ 169.27 Power projects.**

(a) The Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253), as amended by the Act of May 27, 1952 (66 Stat. 95; 43 U.S.C. 961), authorizes right-of-way grants across tribal, individually owned and Government-owned land for electrical poles and lines for the transmission and distribution of electrical power. Rights-of-way granted under that act shall be subject to the provisions of this section as well